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NT's Indigenous people more likely to be victims of crime than non-Indigenous people

Indigenous people were more likely than non-Indigenous people to be victims of assault and homicide but less likely to be victims of robbery in the NT, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publication *Regional Statistics, Northern Territory* which was released today.

Indigenous people comprised just under one-third (30%) of the NT's population but were the victims of over half (59%) of all assaults, half (50%) of all sexual assaults and nearly two-thirds (65%) of all homicide and related offences in 2008.

In contrast, 7% of NT's robbery victims were Indigenous.

Other highlights from this publication include:

- Property offences fell in Palmerston (down 15%), Darwin (down 8%) and Tennant Creek (down 2%) but rose in Katherine (up 13%), Nhulunbuy (up 10%) and Alice Springs (up 7%) over the year to 30 September 2009.
- More than one-third (41%) of the NT's Vocational Education and Training clients were Indigenous in 2008. Bathurst-Melville had the highest proportion of Indigenous clients (95%), followed by Daly (91%), while Litchfield Shire and Palmerston-East Arm had the lowest at 9% and 16% respectively.
- Unemployment was highest in Bathurst-Melville at 12.1%, followed by Daly with 11.4%, while Darwin City and Palmerston-East Arm had the lowest (at 1.8% and 1.9%) for the March 2009 quarter.

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